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SUBJECT: AMEMB SANAA 9/22 DAILY SITREP

¶1. Security: RSO is still coordinating residential security issues with the host nation. Security upgrades inside Hadda Compound are fully in place. DS has agreed to a controlled release to certain ROYG security services of the video of the attack. RSO will coordinate with the relevant section heads to complete this.

¶2. Consular: Security screening issues will limit access for consular services to a few genuine emergency cases the rest of this week. We expect to be able to admit approximately twenty persons per day starting next week.

¶3. Media: The local press is reporting that Yemeni security have arrested six people who sent a threat message to "a foreign embassy" under the name of Islamic Jihad. We're looking into it.

¶4. Investigation: Legat Sana'a learned that Yemen News took an extensive amount of footage of the crime scene shortly after the attack and while the scene was still being worked by MOI. Legat is working with the PAO to obtain copies of the raw footage. Evidence recovery inside the compound is ongoing. The FBI forensics team continues their investigation at the morgue, and Amcit victim Susan el-Baneh's remains may now be released to her family for burial. The forensic examination of the terrorists' remains is ongoing.

¶5. TDY Assistance: The RMO/P arrived this morning for a three-day visit.

¶6. Embassy Operations: Our LES colleagues return to work on Tuesday 9/23. We plan to hold a Town Hall to welcome them back, brief them on the attack, outline procedures for pursuing compensation for damaged personal property, and introduce the RMO/P.

¶7. AD Takers: To date five official Americans have decided to go on Authorized Departure (AD) status. Details will be provided via e-mail.

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